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For: LOCKING SYSTEM AND
FLOORING BOARD

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Assistant Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

In complete response to the Official Action dated January 29, 2002, please amend
the above-identified application as follows.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please replace claims 1-19 with the corresponding amended claims.

1. (Amended) A locking system for mechanical joining of floorboards, said
locking system comprising a tongue-and-groove joint, the groove and tongue of which have
cooperating upper abutment surfaces and cooperating lower abutment surfaces for vertical
locking of two joint edges of two adjacent floorboards, said upper abutment surfaces
extending in a first plane essentially parallel to a principal plane of the floorboards and said
lower abutment surfaces extending in a second plane essentially parallel to the principal
plane of the floorboards, and said locking system comprising, for horizontal mechanical

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